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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE: PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELELCT

REF: STATE 153463

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EARLY TRANSMISSION (REFTEL) OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE AND IS PREPARED TO DELIVER IT TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE ELECTORAL COURT.

2. REFTEL'S MESSAGE, HOWEVER, SEEMS SOMEWHAT TERSE TO US BY LOCAL STANDARDS, AND WHEN TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH WOULD GIVE A COOL AND OFF-HAND IMPRESSION. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED MESSAGE, WHEN TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH, WOULD CONVEY A WARMER AND LESS ABRUPT TONE: QUOTE - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT (TURBAY HOLDS THIS TITLE, HAVING SERVED AS ACTING PRESIDENT); PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA. THE ELECTION FROM WHICH YOU HAVE EMERGED VICTORIOUS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF COLOMBIA'S DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE ITS VITAL AND STRONG DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS OF WHICH IT IS JUSTIFIABLY PROUD.

I AM CERTAIN THAT OUR SHARED LOVE OF DEMOCRACY AND
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OUR COMMON INTEREST IN THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF OUR HEMISPHERE WILL MAKE US GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS IN THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. I RECALL MEETING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON WHEN YOU WERE COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE COMMON PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT OUR TWO NATIONS. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ROLE AS HEAD OF A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC
NATION. SINCERELY JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE. PLEASE ADVISE
ASAP.
JOHNSTON

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